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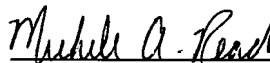
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Title: Water Supply Apparatus and Cleaning System for Cleaning the Water Supply Apparatus

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 10, 2007.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits the items of information on the enclosed Form 1449 for the attention of the examiner in the above-identified application. These documents were cited in an International Search Report in the corresponding PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

Copies of documents D and E listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are enclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Copies of documents A-C are not provided

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Reference D (DE 298 08 674) was cited on the International Search Report for PCT/NL2004/000799. While this reference is in German, according to MPEP §609 A(3), "Where the information listed is not in the English language, but was cited in a search report or other action... the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance can be satisfied by submitting an English-language version of the search report..." Therefore, applicant believes he has fulfilled the obligation to provide an English language version of DE 298 08 674.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. In addition, applicant does not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended, and reserve the right to establish otherwise under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 or others.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. According to M.P.E.P. §609, applicant requests that the examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

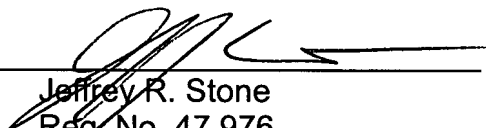
Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments that may be deemed necessary to Deposit Account Number 50-1038.

Respectfully submitted,

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